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The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 1997/29, the Commission on Human Rights expressed its appreciation to States that had provided information to the Secretary-General, in compliance with Commission resolution 1996/35 and requested those that had not yet done so to provide information to the Secretary-General as soon as possible on legislation relating to the right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

2. The present note is submitted pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 1997/29 in which the Commission requested the Secretary-General to prepare an additional report on the basis of replies he received from States for submission to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-fifth session. It is intended to indicate that further replies were received from the Governments of Benin, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay. These replies have been submitted to Mr. Cherif Bassiouni, expert on the right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, so that he may take account of them in the preparation of his report to the Commission (E/CN.4/1999/65). The full text of these replies are available for consultation in the files of the Secretariat.